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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 8, 2006, applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-94, without traverse, drawn to a method of regulating an error rate in a cell or organism, and the cell or organism produced by that method. In addition, applicant hereby elects the following species:

- (a) DNA polymerase δ ;
- (b) <u>higher error prone frequency in the cells;</u>
- (c) <u>eukaryotic</u> and further elects a <u>yeast</u> cell as the type of cell;
- (d) <u>unicellular</u> organism;
- (e) <u>temperature</u> environment;
- (f) <u>organism</u>;
- (g) temperature; and
- (h) Example 1;
- (i) not applicable.

As required under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant further elects claims 17 and 62, drawn to a method of regulating the error prone frequency of gene replication in a cell by introducing a DNA polymerase variant in to a cell using homologous recombination.

The above elections should not be construed as acquiescence with regard to the Examiner's assertions regarding the claims and restriction thereof.

In addition, as one important aspect of the present invention relates to two or more polymerases, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner include DNA polymerase ϵ as an election in addition to DNA polymerase δ noted above.

Favorable consideration of the elected subject matter is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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